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Arrival at Reedy Island quarantine of vessels from Cuban ports.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE.

via Port Penn, Del., May 25, 1902.

SIR: Through the medical officer in command of national quarantine service on Delaware Bay and River. I have the honor to report the arrival at this station of the following vessels: May 18, 1902, steamship *Drummond*, from Santiago de Cuba, with iron ore; no passengers; bill of health signed by Assistant Surgeon Von Ezdorf. May 19, 1902, steamship *Donald*, from Banes, with fruit; no passengers; bill of health signed by Temporary Quarantine Officer Hidalgo. May 20, 1902, schooner *Carrie Strong*, from Cienfuegos, with iron; no passengers; bill of health signed by Acting Asst. Surg. Felix Giralt. May 21, 1902, steamship *Circassian Prince*, from Havana, with molasses; no passengers; bill of health signed by Surgeon Glennan. May 23, 1902, steamship *Vimeira*, from Havana, with sugar; no passengers; bill of health signed by Surgeon Glennan.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

Eagle Pass, Tex., May 26, 1902—Inspection service.—I have the honor to report the following transactions at this port for the week ended May 24, 1902: Number of passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 7; number of passengers on trains from Mexico inspected and passed, 186; number of passengers detained, none; number of trunks from Vera Cruz disinfected, 2.

B. KINSELL,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

El Paso, Tex., May 24, 1902—Typhus fever at Cananea.—I have the honor to submit herewith summary of transactions at this station for the week ended May 24, 1902. Inspection Mexican Central Railroad passengers, 144; inspection Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad passengers, 15; inspection of immigrants, 105; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry, 482 pieces; disinfection of carload of cattle hides; vaccination of immigrants' children, 9. During the past week mining laborers coming from Mexico report a terrible scourge in the Cananea mining camps.

Disease similar to spotted fever is reported to be killing shop and office employees at the rate of 100 or more per month, and men attacked by the scourge die in less than three days. From what I can gather from different sources, I am of the opinion that the disease is pure typhus fever. Cananea is a mining camp of the Green Consolidated Copper Company. It is situated in the northeastern part of the State of Sonora, Mexico, and reached by a short railway line connecting with the Southern Pacific railway system at Benson, Ariz. This railway crosses the international boundary line at Naco. Cananea is possibly 150 miles from the boundary line and about 300 miles from El Paso, Tex. Like all great mining camps that suddenly spring into existence, where thousands of men gather and where no attention is given to systematic sanitary measures, in time epidemic diseases such as smallpox and typhus fever will eventually make their appearance. Passengers from the Cananea mining camp reach El Paso over the Southern Pacific Railroad.

E. ALEXANDER,

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